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TAGS: CGEN, CPAS, CASC, LE

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR LEBANESE VISAS: REFUSALS

1. DURING PAST WEEK FOUR AMERICAN TOURISTS REPORTED TO CONSOFF THAT THEY WERE REFUSED ENTRY VISAS BY LEBANESE EMBASSY HERE DESPITE PRESENTATION NEW "RECOMMENDATION LETTER". ALL FOUR WERE TOLD THAT VISAS FOR LEBANON COULD BE ISSUED TO AMERICANS ONLY REPEAT ONLY IN WASHINGTON. BELIEVING THIS TO BE UNTURE, THEY STATED THEY ASKED FOR BUT RECEIVED NO FURTHER EXPLANATION FOR REFUSALS. APPLICATIONS PRESENTED IN TWO GROUPS TWO DAYS APART.

2. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, THESE ARE FIRST VISAS REFUSED BY LEBANESE EMBASSY IN CAIRO SINCE BEFORE 1967. DURING CALL ON LEBANESE CONSUL TO LEARN POSSIBLE REASONS, CONSOFF WAS TOLD THAT NEW INSTRUCTIONS ENJOINED LEBANESE VISA OFFICERS FROM ISSUING VISAS TO QUOTE HIPPIES UNQUOTE. (HE DEFINED HIPPIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS BEING LONG-HAIRED YOUNG PEOPLE WEARING JEANS.) CONSUL

INITIALLY UNABLE OR UNWILLING CITE POSSIBLE DANGER OR DIFFICULTIES WHICH WARRANTED NEW EXCLUSION OF HIPPIES. FACT THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHOW POSSESSION SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR INTENDED PERIOD OF STAY, HE INSISTED IMMATERIAL TO REFUSAL DECISION. CONSUL LATER SUGGESTED, ALBEIT FOLLOWING LEADING QUESTION, THAT NECESSITY FOR REFUSALS STEMMED FROM POSSIBILITY THAT THESE TOURISTS MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN LEBANESE DRUG SCENE.

3. ALL FOUR AMERICANS REFUSALS FIT LEBANESE CONSUL'S DESCRIPTION OF HIPPIES, WHICH MAY IN FACT HAVE PROMPTED HIS REFUSAL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF SIMILAR PATTERN IS EMERGING AT OTHER POSTS.  
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